

OPERATION MONGOOSE
Main Points to Consider
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1. What is the Policy Objective? We need a sharp focus on exactly what we hope to get from Mongoose now. This will determine how best to employ these unique U. S. resources -- either to support U. S. military operations or directly to commit against the Communist regime immediately.

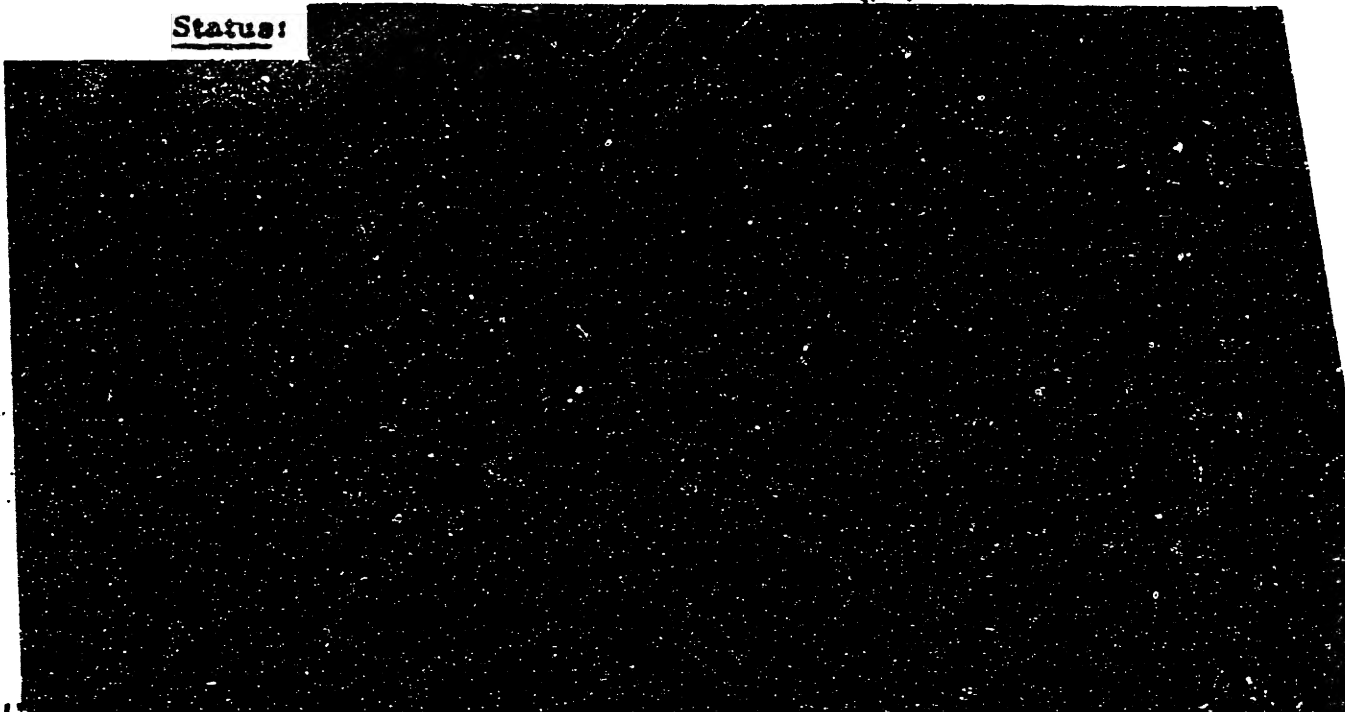
Is the end objective the removal of the Castro/Communist regime or to bring it to its knees? Should Mongoose help generate a popular revolt with the probable need for overt U. S. military help as the regime moves in to crush it? Or, is the aim that of maximum harassment, to make Cuba a maximum burden for the Bloc?

Undoubtedly, most people in the world now expect us to move towards removing the Castro/Communist regime. Certainly the Cubans in exile and inside Cuba, who are the main covert assets of CIA, now expect this policy goal as the price of risking their lives.

2. Mongoose Actions

a. Harassment of and resistance to Cuban regime.

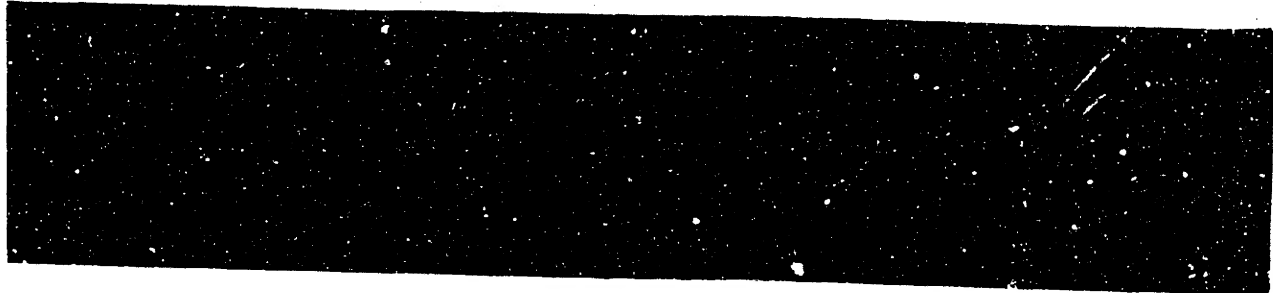
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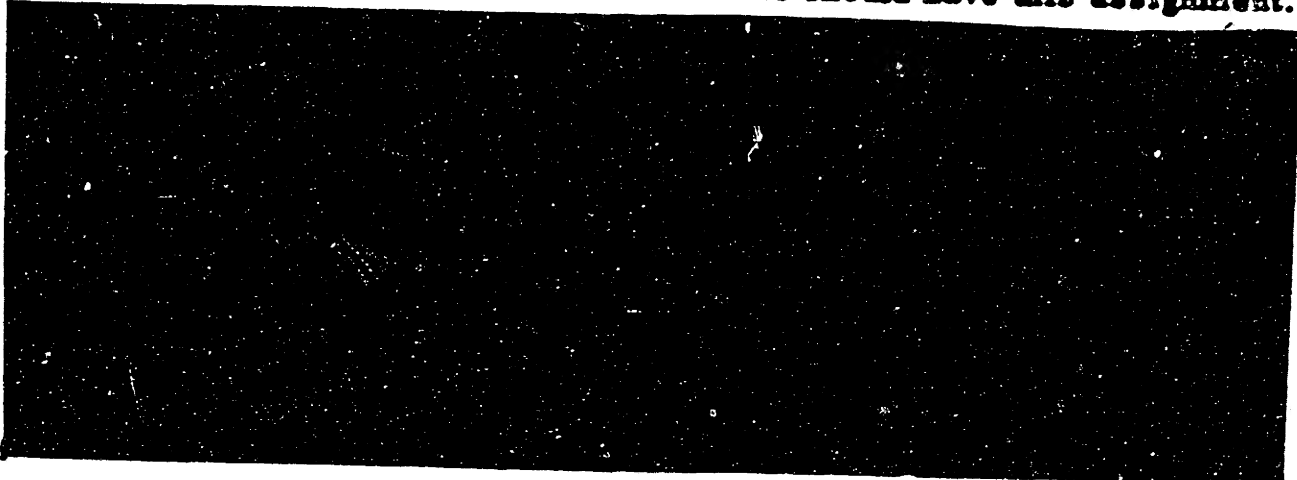
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e. Minor acts of sabotage, by all Cuban people. Requires ~~X~~ ~~X~~ delivery of instructions, of how to do it, to Cuban people.

Status: No current capability indicated by CIA. Teams going in for any purpose at this time should have this assignment.



h. Help the Cubans to help themselves. This means greater U. S. support of Cuban groups to take actions in Cuba. ✓

Status: Under study.. No firm plan yet for doing.



k. Give Cuban resistance popular symbols. Songs, Visual.

Status: No song yet. Visual symbol is "gusano libre."

l. Political planning for post-Castro period.

Status: No firm planning reported from State. The need for clear U.S. policy objectives is basic here.

m. "Crusade" for human liberty, to make maximum use of spiritual appeal. Prayers, such as by Bishop Bessa Masvidal, widely publicized inside Cuba. Take use of memory of Marti away from Communists and give it to Cuban "freedom fighters."

Status: Sporadic activities, not a "crusade."

n. U.S. or Free Cuban radio and TV broadcasts into Cuba.

Status: USIA making maximum use of medium and short wave radio facilities, including CIA and commercial resources. No "Voice of Free Cuba" short-wave broadcast scheduled immediately. New 50-kw radio transmitter expected to be operational in Florida Keys next week. TV broadcasts from aircraft now under development. (Being developed outside Mongolia.)

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